Bridge across river Jayamangali at Bychapura

427. Sri B. P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that the plan and estimate have been prepared long back to construct a bridge across the river 'Jayamangali' at Bychapura in Koratagere Taluk;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the longstanding agitation for the construction of the said Bridge at Bychapura by the public as well as the legislators;

(*c*) whether the Government aware of the inconvenience caused to the Public and traffic during rainy season for want of the said bridge;

(*d*) whether Government intend taking up the construction of the bridge urgently ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) Yes, after approval to the estimate.

Batta paid to under-trial prisoners and prosecution witnesses

432. Sri G. AMARE GOWDA (Sindhanoor).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the batta (daily allowance) paid to under-trial prisoners in different parts of the State;

(*b*) the batta (daily allowance) paid to prosecution witnesses in different parts of the State ;

(*c*) whether uniformity in payment of batta is likely to be maintained in the State ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) The under-trial prisoners in judicial custody are paid batta whenever they are required to undertake journeys to appear before the Courts, at the rates shown in the accompanying statement I appended.

(*b*) As in Statement II appended.

(*c*) Uniformity has been achieved in respect of payment of batta to prosecution witnesses. As regards payment of batta to the under-trial prisoners, provision for payment of uniform rates will be made in the Common Jail Manual under preparation.

STATEMENT–I

Area	*Class of prisoners*	*Rate Per day*
Mysore ...	All Classes ...	0–75
Bombay ...	Class I ...	0–75
	Other Classes ...	0–50
Hyderabad ...	Class A and B ...	1–00
	Class C ...	0–50
Madras ...	Class A and B ...	0–75
	Class C ...	0–37

STATEMENT–II

Under the uniform Rules now in force throughout the State the batta paid to witnesses attending Criminal cases shall consist of :—

(1) a diet allowance varying according to circumstances, but not exceeding the average daily wage of the class to which the witness belongs or the following maxima :

Witness of Class I Rs. 3
Witness of Class II Rs. 2
} per diem

Witnesses of Class I include persons having an annual income of Rs. 6,000 or more and witnesses of Class II include persons having an annual income of less than Rs. 6,000.

Travelling Allowance will be paid at the discretion of the court and at the following rates only if the witness had to travel eight Kilometres or more in order to attend the court and had spent for the journey.

(*a*) When the journey is by road.	Witness of Class I.	16 paise per Kilometre.
	Witness of Class I.	11 paise per kilometre or actual expenses whichever is less.
(*b*) When the journey is by railway or steamer or partly by railway and steamer.	Witness of Class I.	III Class Railway or Steamer fare and in exceptional cases, for reasons to be recorded, I Class fare.
	Witness of Class II.	Third Class Railway or Steamer fare.

Discretion has been given to the Courts to order payment of travelling allowance when the distance to be travelled by the witness is less than eight kilometres.